

ABSTRACT

Edison Apartments

circa 1920s

13-19 South Potomac Street

Hagerstown

Washington County

Edison Apartments is an early twentieth century (probably the 1920s), Georgian Revival style, commercial structure which has storerooms on the first floor and apartments on the upper levels. The structure is built of brick and is five stories high including a mansard roof. The principal facade (east side) is symmetrically arranged and has recessed center balconies on the middle floors, quoining along the edges and balconies, and a modillioned cornice. The upper levels of the facade appear to be original in condition.

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Edison Apartments					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Lakin Apartments					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 13-19 South Potomac Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments apartments above	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Hagerstown Homes Corporation c/o Edison Groh					
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	21740	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: 95 West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 221-26					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Edison Apartments stands at 13-19 South Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and is located on the west side of the street in the northern third of the block formed by Public Square and Antietam Street.</p> <p>The building is an early twentieth century, center-city, Georgian Revival style apartment building which is constructed of brick with stone decorative detailing on the facade and a tile covered mansard roof. The structure is five stories high, including the floor nestled under the mansard roof, and sits tight to the sidewalk and the neighboring building on the north. A classical cornice with modillions runs along the east and south elevations. The first or ground floor of the building has store-rooms flanking the center entranceway leading to the upper stories.</p> <p>The principal facade (east side) is symmetrically arranged into three portions and has center recessed balconies on the second, third, and fourth floors, and sets of double-windows in the outer sections. The windows are of the double-hung, wood sash type with six-over-one lights and stone lintels with keystones. The balconies have metal railings and project outward slightly. The corners of the building and the balconies are outlined with quoins.</p> <p>The eastern or front section of the structure is built of a better grade of brick than that of the remaining portion which was not originally visible from the street. The mansard roof is pierced with gable roof dormers, three along the facade and six along the south side. The dormers have rectangular double-hung windows like those in the lower stories.</p> <p>The building is structurally sound. The upper levels appear to be fairly original in condition.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

circa 1920s

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Edison Apartments is an early twentieth century apartment building which is located in the central business district of Hagerstown. It is representative of the Georgian Revival style and has the characteristic symmetrical facade (east side), quoining, and classical cornice.

The building probably dates from the 1920s when the neo-colonial style was one of the various eclectic forms popular across the United States. The structure is referred to as the Lakin Apartments in a 1930s city directory. J. Brooks Lakin and Lester T. Ridenour purchased the property in 1923 and may have had the building erected (Deed Book 167, p. 149). The present name, Edison Apartments, is derived from that of the present owner.

An architecturally similar structure which was probably erected about the same time stands at the intersection of Potomac Street and Potomac Avenue at Oak Hill Avenue, about six blocks north of Public Square.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 40.5' x 240'.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)	
ORGANIZATION City of Hagerstown	DATE 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

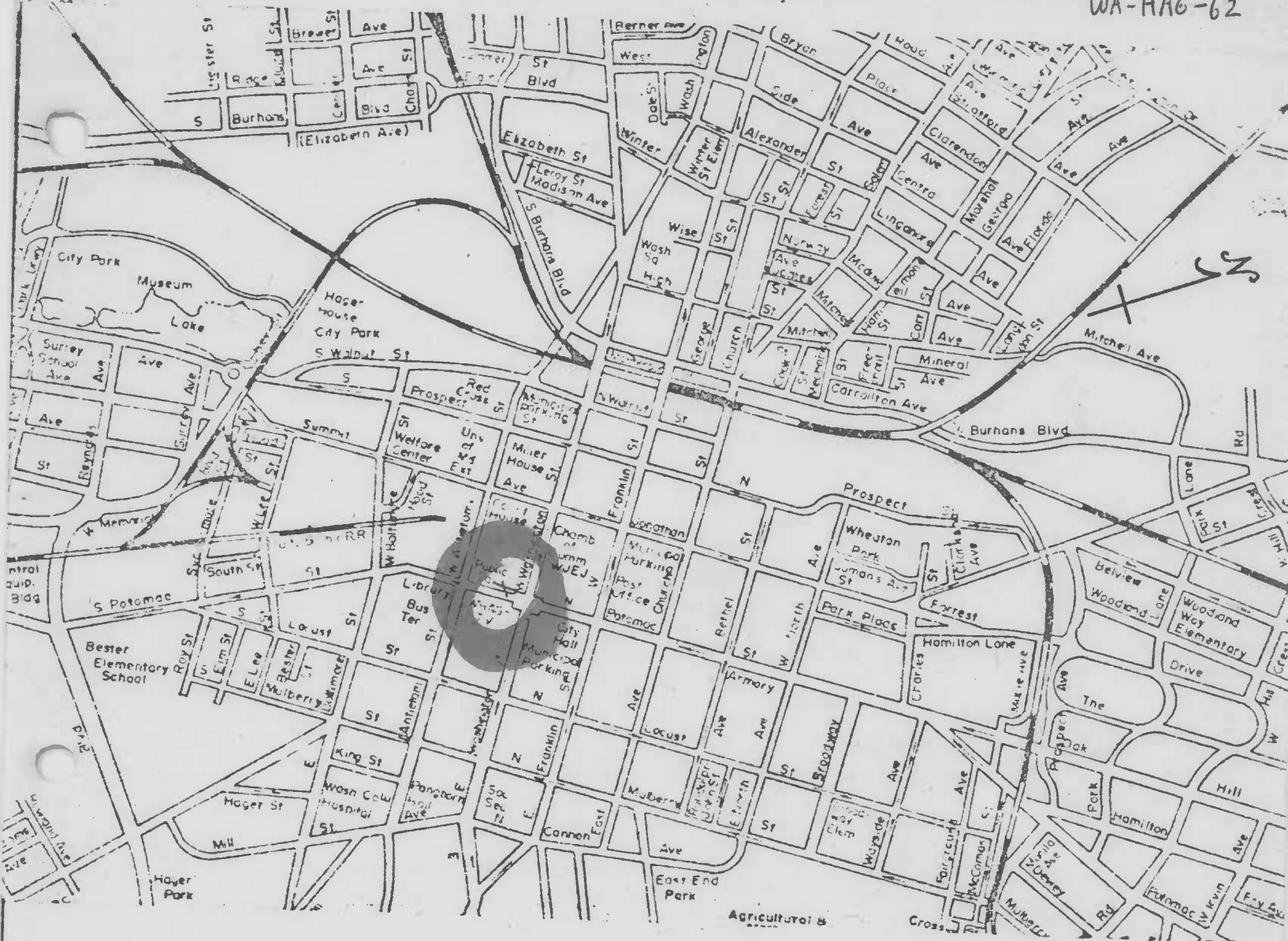
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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SITE: Edison Apartments
 13-19 South Potomac Street
 Hagerstown
 Washington County, Maryland

map: City of Hagerstown,
Washington County, Md.
 City Engineering Dept.
 July, 1970
 scale 1"=1200'



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13-19 South Potomac St.
Hagerstown
Washington Co., Md.

SE view

July, 1975

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13-19 South Potomac St

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detail, east elevation

July, 1975

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